NAS ALAMEDA RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Miller Elementary School 250 Singleton Avenue Alameda, California

Tuesday, December 6, 1994

ATTENDEES

See attached list.

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Introductions/Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- The summary for the November 1, 1994, RAB meeting was approved without amendment.

II. Future RAB Meeting Dates

Members were polled by a show of hands about alternate dates and locations for future RAB meetings. Beginning in January 1995, monthly RAB meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Officer's Club on NAS Alameda.

Sherri Withrow, NAS Alameda, can provide directions to the Officer's Club. RAB members need to provide to Sherri Withrow the license plate numbers of the automobiles RAB members will drive to meetings. Sherri, in turn, will produce base passes for RAB members.

III. Focus Group Updates

Organizational Focus Group

The RAB now has voice mail service. Dial (510) 869-5087. The service provides announcements of upcoming meetings and events, and provides an opportunity to leave a message.

Kathy Teller, community co-chair, will pick up the messages.

Also, copy services are available for RAB members at PIP Copy Center, 943 Marina Village Parkway, Alameda, (510) 769-6133.

Sherri Withrow, NAS Alameda, distributed a draft copy of a RAB brochure and asked for comments. She also invited suggestions for revising the community display boards.

Reuse Focus Group

Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 1994.

Early Action Focus Group

The early action focus group suggested the RAB review cleanup priorities. Also, Chris Bacina indicated he wants Building 5, door 9 addressed as a future agenda item.

Natural Resources Focus Group

Proceedings of the Golden Gate Audohon Society symposium are available through Roberta Hough.

IV. BRAG Reuse Timeline Update

Ron Basarich, RAB member, presented a reuse timeline. He indicated that the period of interim use selection is coming up. He indicated that interim use is a priority topic for discussion, and that the strategy for interim use, the feasility of leasing, and the kinds of interim uses that are feasible should be discussed. The RAB reuse focus group will concentrate on coordinating RAB, BRAG, and Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Agency (ARAR) activities.

V. BRAG Short-Term Reuse

Doug de Haan, chair of the BRAG reuse subcommittee, discussed the current status of short-term reuse options. (Short-term reuse and interim reuse are synonymous.) He handed out a list of active BRAG reuse proposals from the public and private sector.

A RAB member asked if the proposals identify specific parcels of interest. Mr. de Haan said the proposals are generally not specific as to parcels.

LCDR Petouhoff, NAS Alameda, said the Navy is aiming to facilitate reuse by prioritizing the implementation of the environmental baseline survey (EBS) based on community reuse interests.

Ron Basarich, RAB member, said he read a recent newspaper article suggesting the Navy may be staying at NAS Alameda and using the berthing facilities, and he believed the story was unsubstantiated. LCDR Petouhoff said the RAB should assume the whole base is closing.

A RAB member asked if leases were satisfactory for interim use or if the interested parties would prefer property transfers. He also asked what the timeframe is for interim use.

Mr. de Haan said reuse people preser property transfers, but the proposals don't necessarily require or desire transfer over lease. He said the interim use period appears to be between 10 and 15 years.

LCDR Petouhoff said property transfers prior to base closure are unlikely. LCDR Petouhoff mentioned a recent radio story that suggested base closure would be delayed. He said the point behind the story was that some property transfer decisions would not be made until the final reuse plan was submitted. This does not affect the base closure date.

Break. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

VI. Future Agenda Items

The following future agenda items were suggested.

- Building 5, Door 9
- One-time compliance and demolition concerns
- BRAC cleanup plan discussion
- Use of part of RAB meeting for focus group breakout sessions
- Quarterly or as needed BRAG updates
- FOSL/FOST requirements
- Long-term training plan for RAB
- Risk assessment
- Optical cone penetrometer test results
- Types of hazardous wastes used on base and their environmental and human health effects
- Purpose and scope of primary documents
- Objective criteria for screening remedial technologies (presented by Jim Haas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

James Nusrala announced that an informational meeting will be held to discuss forming a RAB for the Alamcda Annex. The meeting will be held on January 12, 1995, at the Port of Oakland conference room.

VII. Federal Facilities Site Remediation Agreement

Scott Miller, attorney for ARC (Arms Control Research Center), made a presentation regarding federal facility site remediation agreements (FFSRA), a contractual agreement hetween signing parties (Navy, DTSC, and RWQCB) regarding the schedule and scope of cleanup activities at non-National Priorities List sites. The discussion that followed Mr. Miller's presentation is summarized below.

RAB members asked why the FFSRA for NAS Alameda continues to be unsigned; the following response was presented by LCDR Petouhoff and Tom Lanphar, DTSC.

- An FFSRA was originally not drafted for NAS Alameda because DTSC's remedial action order to the base was deemed sufficient.
- An FFSRA was drafted for NAS Alameda only when it became apparent that bases with FFSRAs were given higher priority in funding reviews.
- The drafted FFSRA required revision once NAS Alameda was selected for closure.
 (NAS Alameda's cleanup is now funded through BRAC money, and an FFSRA does not affect funding issues).
- The FFSRA was revised again to incorporate the site management plan approach, which allows opportunity to update schedules annually. Other issues that required revision of the FFSRA included (1) the State of California's decision to have CAL-EPA speak with "one voice" for CAL-EPA divisions, and (2) a need to revise the language regarding removal actions (currently doesn't allow adequate time to review documents related to removal actions).
- DTSC may present a revised FFSRA to the Navy in January 1995.

RAB members expressed an interest in having access to the document, even in its unsigned draft stage. LCDR Petouhoff and Tom Lanphar, DTSC, indicated they would ask agency attorneys if this was allowable.

The RAB's interest in the FFSRA focused on the schedules the document contains. LCDR Petouhoff and Tom Lanphar, DTSC, explained that the schedules contained in the BRAC cleanup plan are the same schedules contained in the FFSRA, and the RAB can comment on the BRAC cleanup plan.

Can the public bring suit against an FFSRA signatory for non-compliance with the FFSRA? Only if a clause in the FFSRA allows it; however, there are other avenues for public suit.

Where does the evaluation stand of NAS Alameda for the National Priorities List? Currently the hazard ranking status is in Washington, DC, for review.

If U.S. EPA is not the lead regulatory agency at NAS Alameda, what is its role? U.S. EPA brings technical expertise gained from U.S. EPA's experience at National Priorities List sites.

Several comments were made questioning the RAB's purpose. Scott Miller, ARC attorney, said this is being questioned by other RABs in the Bay Area. A meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, at ARC offices at 830 Market Street, San Francisco, from 7 to 9 p.m. to discuss the purpose and mission of RABs. It was suggested this also be a future RAB agenda item.

VIII. BRAC Cleanup Plan Update

Teresa Bernhard, NAS Alameda, presented the schedule for the 1995 BRAC cleanup plan (BCP) update and parts of the plan reflecting significant changes. The BCP will be distributed on December 13, 1994, and a workshop will be held the same day to discuss the purpose of the BCP.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 1995, Officer's Club, NAS Alameda.

NAS Alameda Restoration Advisory Board Attendance List - 6 Dec 94

RAB Members

Name

LCDR Mike Petouhoff Kathy Teller

Chris Bacina Ron Basarich Ed Dankworth Ken O'Donoghue Frank Encino, Jr. CDR Al Elkins Jim Haas Karen Hack John Healy Roberta Hough Richard King Tom Lanphar Pam McCallum Malcolm Mooney James Nusrala John Raphael James Ricks Bill Smith Corrine Stefanich Lyn Stirewalt Michael Torrey

Other Attendees

Name

Darrell Conaway
John Headlee
Linda Lemmons
Stacey Lupton
Kathleen Kirkwood
Heather McCulloch
Scott Miller
Gary Munekawa
Richard Neveln
Ron Owens
Kelli Shuter
Susan Willongby
Frances Withrow
Susan Withrow
Dennis Wong

Affiliation

RAB Navy Co-Chair
RAB Community Co-Chair

RAB Member/Early Action Focus Group Chair

RAB Member/Reuse Focus Group Chair

RAB Member

RAB Second Co-Chair

RAB Member

RAB Member/COMNAVBASE

RAB Member/U.S. Fish and Wildlife

RAB Alternate for Saul Bloom

RAB Member

RAB Member/Natural Resources Focus Group

RAB Member

RAB Member/DTSC

RAB Member/Organizational Focus Group

RAB Member

RAB Member/Regional Water Quality Cntrl. Bd.

RAB Member

RAB Member/U.S. EPA

RAB Member

RAB Member/Community Outreach Focus Group

RAB Member

Affiliation

Alameda Reuse

NAS Alameda Environmental

PRC PRC

Alameda Times Star

NEDLC ARC EFA-West BRAG/EBCRC

DTSC

Montgomery Watson

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Community Member Community Member

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